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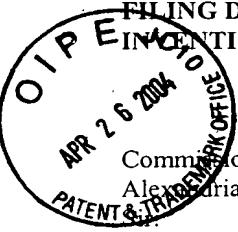
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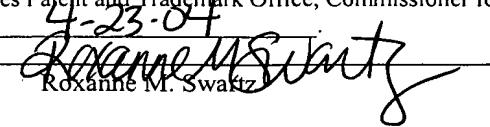
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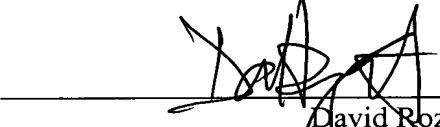
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References A1, A2 and A3 are of record in a search report for counterpart European Patent Application No. EP 01 11 4359. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

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